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This New Launch and True, Exposes the Sentiments of the Democracy of Shawnee County.

SEN. MARTIN'S ARREST A CONSPIRACY

And the "Stalwart Democrats," So-Called, Were the Chief Conspirators—Democrats Will Resent It.

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The arrest of United States Senator John Martin by the hirelings of the republican state central committee, on the trumped up charge of criminal libel preferred by Nelson F. Acres has caused the most intense excitement and indignation among the democrats of this city and Shawnee county. The leaders of the party in this city voice the sentiment of the entire party when they denounce the act as the most infamous political move ever made by the republican managers to bring into dispute that large element of the democratic party that has adopted the most effective policy to defeat the republicans at the polls next Tuesday, namely to support and vote for the entire Populist ticket from top to bottom.

Among the most eminent democrats of Topeka stands Judge S. B. Isenhardt. He has been a tried democrat in Kansas who has known no variability or shadow of turning. Judge Isenhardt is a member of the law firm of Overmyer & Isenhardt, his partner being the stalwart democratic candidate for governor. His position quite naturally makes him loathe to speak his mind regarding that element of the democratic party that is just now playing so conspicuous a part in the attempt to elect E. N. Morrill governor, but the indignation which Judge Isenhardt feels at the outrage perpetrated on his warm friend and esteemed party associate has caused his eloquent tongue and to a Press reporter he freely unloosed his feelings as follows regarding Senator Martin's arrest:

"I think the arrest of Senator Martin is without cause or reason and is a premeditated and infamous conspiracy. Ever since 1892 there is a class of persons in this state calling themselves 'stalwart democrats,' but who in truth and in fact are renegade republicans in disguise, and have ever since 1892 been working in the direct interest of the republican party; and this infamous and shattering Nelson Acres belongs to this class of 'stalwart democrats,' and in the interest of the republican ticket this man Acres has seen fit to have Senator Martin arrested. Such men as Nelson Acres, Eugene Hagan, and a few others of their sort, hate, envy and despise Senator Martin because of his faithful service, long popularity, and the high esteem in which he is held by the democratic party of this state.

"In the army of the so-called 'stalwarts,' there are no private soldiers; they are all colonels, majors, brigadiers, generalissimos and other titled officers, who, while all the battles of the past were being fought for democracy by Senator Martin and other democrats in this state, were either in the republican party vilifying, slandering and lying about the democrats, or were bush-whacking in the rear, and never aided or assisted democracy in a solitary instance, unless it was to get an office for themselves or for their own special benefit.

"The truth of this will readily be

seen when it is remembered that each and every one of these so-called 'stalwart democrats' voted for the republican ticket of 1892, and worked for the election of President Harrison and the republican ticket in this state. It will also be remembered by all true and faithful democrats that these kid-gloved and titled individuals, styling themselves as 'stalwart democrats,' formed themselves into a state central committee for the purpose of defeating the democratic ticket of 1892, and after Senator Martin was elected to the senate they followed him to Washington, and tried in every conceivable way to cripple and destroy his influence, and to obtain for themselves the control of the patronage of this state. And it was charged, and never to my knowledge denied, that the Republican party and the Santa Fe railroad (which is a part of the Republican party) furnished them transportation, and paid every bit of their expense while in Washington engaged in this unprincipled fight against Senator Martin, and in which the Republican party furnishes all the capital, and owned, or expected at least to become the owner of nearly all the stock.

"Everything seems to point plainly in this direction. The envy and malice of Eugene Hagan towards Senator Martin is certainly well known to every Democrat in this community, and he, being a so-called 'Stalwart Democrat,' was placed on the state central committee for just two purposes: First, to fight, cripple and embarrass Senator Martin, and second, to obtain certain favors in the way of transportation, etc., from the Santa Fe railroad (which is a part of the Republican party) for the purpose of carrying on our Democratic campaign.

"I haven't the slightest doubt but that the arrest of Senator Martin was the result of and was made after a due consultation between these same so-called 'Stalwart Democrats' and the party managers of the Republican party. There isn't the slightest doubt but that this arrest is a malicious, cowardly and unprincipled conspiracy, which is largely brought about by reason of the jealousy and envy of these 'Stalwart Democrats' toward Senator Martin. And I fully believe that the true and loyal Democrats of this state will stand firmer by Senator Martin than ever before, and that this cowardly and unprincipled conspiracy will cost the Democratic party of this state many thousand votes at the coming November election.

"This so-called 'Stalwart Democratic Party' was bred and born out of pure malice and opposition to Senator Martin. It was nursed and rocked in the cradle of envy and jealousy of his popularity, and while there are not very many 'Stalwart Democrats' in this state, yet they have gone about making about as much noise as a lot of howling wolves and man-eating tigers, and have acted a great deal more like a lot of cannibals than of sensible, decent men.

"This 'stalwart party' seems to be composed almost wholly of greed for office, envy and gall, and I think they will find that when they procured this sick-spittle and scurrilous man Acres to cause Senator Martin's arrest that they warmed a viper in their own bosom, which will materialize on election day. For one I think this quest is outrageous and infamous, and I propose to say just what I think about it, and I hope every Democrat in the state of Kansas will do likewise. These 'stalwarts' all want to be leaders of the Democratic party of this state, and they, of course, understand and know that they must first get rid of Senator Martin."